Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--   In step 919, a test is performed to determine whether an ink layer already exists for the new document page. If no ink layer exists for the page, processing returns to the document browser at step 923 and the page is displayed normally. If an ink layer exists for the page, then in step 920 the ink layer is retrieved. In step 921, the pixels from the retrieved ink layer are blended with the displayed page and the resulting image appears on the computer display. Thereafter, at step 922 processing returns to the browser. A separate ink layer file can be created for each document page, or one ink file can be created for an entire document and indexed according to pages on which the annotations appear. Other approaches are of course possible.--